

REMARKS

The certified copy of the corresponding British application, filed herewith, establishes our entitlement to the British priority date of August 29, 2003, which is of course prior to the filing date of RUTYNOWSKI 2007/0135828, on which the claims of the present patent application are rejected.

RUTYNOWSKI is thus overcome as a reference.

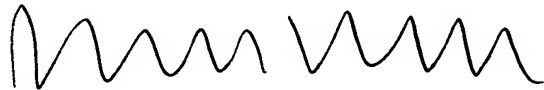
Without RUTYNOWSKI, the latest rejection fails, for the reasons given in our amendment of December 18, 2007.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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